

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 487

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Officer John Bivens
on being named the 2008 Employee of the Year
by the Maryville Police Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Officer John Bivens, who was recently named the 2008 Employee of the Year by the Maryville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, according to the official citation conferring this honor, Officer Bivens initiated an investigation into an automobile burglary on November 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the burglar had pried open a locked vehicle, stolen a purse from inside it, and discarded the purse some distance from the burglarized vehicle; moreover, several other cars in the area had been broken into as well; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bivens painstakingly searched the area, locating the purse taken from the first vehicle; thanks to his efforts, a viable fingerprint was taken from the purse, and this print led to a suspect; and

WHEREAS, during an interview, the suspect confessed to Officer Bivens, and in December 2007, that suspect was charged with a number of auto burglaries; and

WHEREAS, not long after charges were brought against the suspect, Chief of Police Tony Jay Crisp received an email from a couple who had been victimized in the recent spate of vehicle break-ins; "Because of this officer's persistent investigation," the email read, "our family was able to get peace of mind and our lost property returned. We would like to let you know how grateful we are for his presence on the force"; and

WHEREAS, Officer John Bivens has demonstrated a remarkable devotion to duty, and his efforts bring great credit not only upon himself but also on the Maryville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bivens epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to the people of the City of Maryville and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Officer John Bivens on being named the 2008 Employee of the Year by the Maryville Police Department, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.